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A living history in Halifax

People offered a hands-on look at the sacrifices made by Canadian soldiers on D-Day PAGE 4



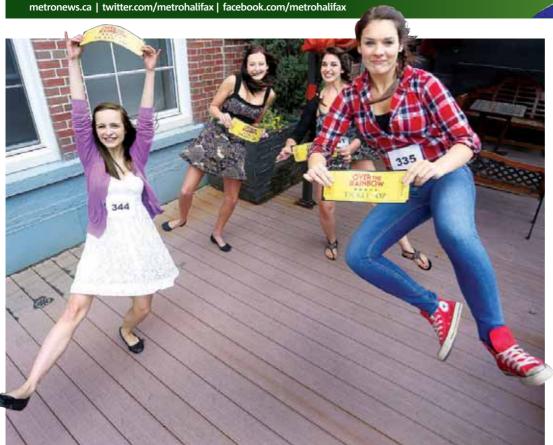
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ly Johnson, Sydney Phelan and Caroline Burton show off their golden tickets at the Westin Nova Scotian in Halifax on Sunday after 100 spots on CBC's new show Over the Rainbow. Nine potential Dorothys qualified in Halifax and will move on to the next round in

Swarming raises some 'alarm bells'

Motive unknown. Man beaten and robbed by group in Dartmouth



PHILIP CROUCHER

Police say they don't know the motive behind a weekend swarming that left a 45-year-old man lying on the ground with serious head injuries.

The incident on Highfield Park Drive early Sunday morning is the third such reported group attack in the past month.

On May 20, two university students were swarmed by up to six teenagers while out walking mid-afternoon in southend Halifax. Six days earlier, eight people, all believed to be in their late teens, beat and robbed a man at Merv Sullivan Park in north-end Halifax just before 5:30 p.m.

"When people hear about a group assaulting a single person, it raises some alarm bells," Halifax Regional Police Staff Sgt. Reid McCoombs said Sunday.

McCoombs cited a rash of

"We are not sure what caused the assault or what triggered these events."

Staff Sgt. Reid McCoombs Halifax Regional Police

swarmings during the summer of 2010 as one of the reasons for this.

In the incident Sunday, police say a group of up to seven people, believed to be men, swarmed the victim, who was walking just before 1 a.m.

Officers on patrol found the victim lying on the ground near 66 Highfield Park Dr. He was taken to hospital with serious, but non-life-threatening

head injuries.

"We don't have any descriptions yet. Unfortunately the witnesses we have were far away," McCoombs said, referring to several people who saw the assault in the distance from a nearby apartment building. "We are hoping we can interview the victim and get some more details and a better description."



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Dexter recognizes Liberals, Tories have 'long history' in province

Message to party faithful. Election preparation ramping up, but premier says much to do before then



Premier Darrell Dexter used the occasion of his party's third annual general meeting since taking power to give party faithful a bit of a history lesson.

Dexter told reporters Sunday his message this weekend to provincial NDP convention delegates at Atlantica Oak Island was to reflect on the past three years but with an eye to the next general election, whenever that may be

that may be.

"We have to be cognizant of the fact that for 200 years in this province it was a twoparty system," Dexter said in Halifax.

"When one of them got tossed out, the other one got tossed in. They have a long history in this province and we have to be cognizant of that and we have to be ready for the next election."

Tight race?

"My attitude towards this is very, very straightforward. You work hard, you make the decisions that you believe in, and you hope people notice."

Premier Darrell Dexter on a recent poll showing the NDP in a tight, two-way battle with the Liberals

Dexter added his party would require a platform and a slate of candidates before his government calls the next general election, expected in 2013. The premier said the timing of that platform and the selection of those candidates will depend on a number of moving pieces, such as the final report on Nova Scotia's new electoral boundaries.

"It makes it difficult to nominate candidates, for example, when you don't know whether or not the riding is going to exist," he said.

"Those kinds of things are still up in the air."

His opposition colleagues, however, are unlikely to idle while the electoral boundaries commission figures out the province's new political



landscape.

Tory Leader Jamie Baillie unveiled the first part of his party's platform on Saturday, promising to completely overhaul the MLA pension plan.

The Liberals, bolstered by a new Corporate Research Associates poll that has them neck and neck with the governing New Democrats, are preparing begin a summer town hall tour across Nova Scotia.

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On the web

Popular pastor denies choking daughter

Megachurch pastor Creflo Dollar denied Sunday that he punched and choked his 15-yearold daughter in an argument, telling his congregation the allegations made in a police report are nothing but "exaggeration and sensationalism." Watch church members' reactions at metronews.ca.

Neighbours oppose Oreo expansion plan

One hundred years after the introduction of the Oreo, an expansion plan at the iconic cookie's New York City birthplace has left a bitter taste in the mouths of its neighbours. Read more about the fight for the "American epicentre of food culture" at metronews.ca.

Mobile news



When does a smartphone make you dumb? When you're driving. Scan the code to read about software developers' valiant efforts to solve the problem of distracted driving.

Tories say they'd appoint panel to decide MLA pensions



Nova Scotia's Progressive Conservative leader says the pension plan for provincial politicians needs to be scrapped.

In a pseudo-campaign speech in Halifax on Saturday, Jamie Baillie said his party would appoint an independent panel of citizens to make decisions on pensions and benefits.

"They can design something that they think is fair," said Baillie after addressing the crowd of about 100 people at the Nova Scotia Community College waterfront campus in Dartmouth Baillie said the current pensions, which are among the richest in the country, need to be capped.

He said contributions from members of the legislature should be matched by the taxpayers on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

"We put in a dollar, the taxpayer puts in a dollar, and that's it. Whatever that adds up to is what the pension plan would be," said Baillie.

"I'm not taking any chances. No more than dollar-for-dollar."

The Tory leader said the panel would also decide if

By the numbers

 Under the current rules, provincial politicians can earn a pension of five per cent of their annual salary for every year they serve in public office, up to a maximum of 75 per cent after 15 years.

current politicians get to keep their current pensions.

"Those are all decisions for our panel of citizens to make," said Baillie. "I really believe that common sense of the everyday person will prevail when they come to decide all the details."

The proposed new accrual

cent over 20 years, which

would drop the maximum pension a politician can

earn to 70 per cent of his

or her salary.

rate would be 3.5 per

In December, all three parties have supported a bill to change the plan.

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Rapper killed

Police seek help in homicide case

Halifax police are trying to track down a potential witness in the murder investigation of local rapper John Newcombe, who was gunned down outside of Winston's Bar on June 1.

Police have released an image of man inside the Clayton Park bar. Police are

asking for the public's help in identifying him in relation to the homicide case. The release issued on Friday says police don't believe the man is a suspect in the shooting, and that they want to interview him about an altercation that happened outside the bar just before the shooting happened. Anyone who can identify the man photographed is asked to contact HRM's major crime unit at 490-5016, or Crime Stoppers. METRO

Assault charges

Robber threatens cashier with needle

Halifax police say a woman threatening a male employee with a needle robbed a Dartmouth convenience store on Saturday. The incident happened at the One Stop Shop Convenience store at 269 Windmill Rd. Police say after the woman threatened the employee with the needle,

the cash register ended up falling to the floor as she demanded money. She then punched the man in the face, and fled with an undisclosed amount of cash.

Paramedics treated the employee on scene while a 34-year-old woman was arrested a short time later on Gottingen Street. She is being charged with assault with a weapon, threats, robbery and weapons-related offences. METRO

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Chiller factor. Oval deal coming before council

Halifax regional council is expected to finalize the deal between the municipality and the Canada Games Host Society on the long-track speed-skating oval during its meeting on Tuesday.

Council will receive the draft memorandum of agreement between the two organizations. The deal turns over the three 120-tonne chillers used to freeze the oval ice from the host society to the municipality.

In addition, it commits the host society to ponying up \$100,000 to commission and

pay for a piece of public art for the site to commemorate the efforts of volunteers and organizers of the 2011 Canada Games.

The agreement would last until 2016. It commits the municipality to the continued maintenance of the site and to ensuring it meets technical requirements for professional speed-skating events.

The chillers are the last remaining asset held by the host society, and must be disposed of before the society can wrap up its business.

ALEX BOUTILIER/METRO



Tourism initiative. Tall Ships festival sailing into \$400K in federal cash

The federal government is giving \$400,000 to Tall Ships 2012.

Defence Minister Peter MacKay made the announcement on Sunday, with the money coming from the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency.

"Nova Scotia's tourist season will get a major boost this year with the appearance of tall ships from the United States as part of the Tall Ships Atlantic Challenge Race," MacKay said in a statement. "I know that the tall ships will be a welcome addition to the annual summer program in ports all along our coasts."

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Tall Ships 2012 begins on July 19 in Halifax and runs through July 29, with stops at various ports across the province. METRO



Living historians offer window into D-Day

68th anniversary.

Volunteers offer hands-on look at life as a soldier in 1944

SPENCER BUELL

For most people, learning about the Second World War means reading books, looking at old photos or watching one of the many documentaries and films on the subject.

But to commemorate the 68th anniversary of the D-Day landing on the beaches of Normandy, a few members of

Bearing witness

"We want to get in our uniforms to respect (Second World War veterans) and to show what they went through, because soon there will be no one left to say, 'I was there. I saw it.'"

Loran Gavel, volunteer, WWII Living History Association

the WWII Living History Association wanted to give people a feeling for what it was really like.

The history buffs, most of whom admitted they're much older than the 18- to 25-year-olds who would have landed at Juno Beach on June 6, 1944, brought their uniforms, guns, tents and other wartime artifacts to the Halifax Citadel

National Historic Site to play the parts of Canadian, U.S., Russian and German soldiers.

They offered tours of a small exhibit featuring a Volkswagen medic truck, a replica "hedgehog" metal tank barrier and an assortment of food items and personal comforts soldiers would have been carrying. They encouraged people to pick up the heavy

weaponry and supplies and imagine walking miles with it on their backs in thick wool uniforms.

"You can watch it through the movies, or you can meet people who volunteer to do this in person so you can get that hands-on experience about what it was like," said Loran Gavel, who was dressed as a German machine-gunner.

He said the living historians don't focus so much on the politics and ideologies of the war — Gavel's uniform includes a small stitched swastika, the infamous symbol of the Nazi Party — but intend to shed some light on the human elements of the conflict that people can relate to.



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Clifton Street shooting

Victim facing drug charges

A man shot in the leg last month faces drug charges. Halifax police say three people are charged following a search by its drug unit on Clifton Street on Friday night. One of those arrested is William Lee Bolliver, who was reportedly shot in the same area on May 25. The other victim, Corey Lucas, was killed by the gunfire. PHILIP CROUCHER/METRO

Headphones returned to shelter

They're back. Placed in a bus waiting area as part of a Dairy Farmers of Canada ad campaign, the oversized pair reappear to be a little damaged

An expensive and supersized set of headphones that had been stolen from the top of a bus shelter in Halifax have been returned to the scene of the crime.

Const. Holly Smith of Halifax Regional Police says the huge headphones were returned overnight Thursday after they went missing sometime in the last two weeks.

Smith says the headphones, measuring more wide and than a metre a metre tall, had been

wrapped around a city bus shelter as part of a Dairy Farmers of Canada advertising campaign.

Smith says the brackets were damaged when the \$12,000 headphones were removed from the shelter in the city's south end.

She says there are no suspects, but the Dairy Farmers of Canada are not interested in pressing charges in the case. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Crime. Man in court on two attempted-murder charges

A 21-year-old man will appear in court on Monday charged with two counts of attempted murder following a shooting in Dartmouth six months ago.

Police say multiple shots were fired late on Jan. 10 in the area of Churchill Court in Dartmouth.

Officers later responded to a hospital, where two victims both in their early 20s were being treated for gunshot wounds

Matthew Randall Smith of Dartmouth was arrested Friday morning at the Central Nova

Matthew Randall Smith is facing at least 20 charges, including assault with a weapon, discharging a restricted firearm, careless use of a firearm and possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose

Scotia Correctional Facility in Dartmouth. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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There's no place like Toronto

The Wizard of Oz.

Nine theatre hopefuls chosen in Halifax to compete for lead

SPENCER BUELL

Aislin Flynn said she watched The Wizard of Oz so many times growing up that, at age nine, her VHS copy broke from overuse.

The Halifax native, who's now 18, said she's always admired Judy Garland's iconic portrayal of Dorothy, and still watches the film often, now on her laptop, as a pick-me-up.

She has performed in two productions of the musical over her lifelong career—both times as the mayor of the Munchkins. But after making it through the first round of auditions for CBC's new series Over the Rainbow, she just might finally play Dorothy.

Flynn and eight other girls were chosen after auditions at the Westin Hotel and given a ticket to Toronto, where they will compete with about 100 contestants for the chance to star in a major production of The Wizard of Oz.

Casting director Stephanie Gorin said Sunday in Halifax she's on the hunt for "someone with a really beautiful voice that soars, and who can embody the essence of Dorothy: A young girl who's trying to find her way in the



asting director Stephanie Gorin listens as Milford Station's Emily Robertson sings Over the Rainbow at the Westin Nova Scotian on Sunday. Robertson is one finine contestants who qualified in Halifax for the top 100 spots in CBC's new show Over the Rainbow. / RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

world."

Some of the contestants, each of whom had to belt out Somewhere Over the Rainbow, overdo the part, can't hit the right notes or just don't quite cut it overall, said Gorin, but others, like Emily Robert-

son, 16, from Milford Station, nailed the audition.

Robertson, clutching her ticket in hand, said audition-

ing was incredibly nerveracking, but "the only thing I could think of was, 'What would Dorothy do? How

Wishing upon a sta

The nine Dorothys who advanced from Halifax Sunday:

- Aislin Flynn, Halifax
- Andrea MacWilliams,

 Halifay
- Lena Andriani,

 Dartmouth
- Caroline Burton,
 Wolfville
- Emily Robertson,

 Additional Stations
- Sydney Phelan,
 Konsington REI
- Celia Koughan,
 Stratford, P.F.I.
- Michelle Thibodeau, Moncton, N.B.
- Jody Johnson, Prince Albert, Sask.

would she feel right now singing this song?"

Then, she said, "it just kind of came naturally." Gorin, who's already seen

Gorin, who's already seen auditions in cities across the country, said it's anyone's guess who will win the competition. But whoever it is, she said, Over the Rainbow "is gonna make them a star."

Over the Rainbow airs Sunday and Monday nights on CBC starting in September.

Endangered whale begins to recover after shipping lanes moved in Bay of Fundy

The population of a once near-extinct whale is on the rise, partly because of an unlikely collaboration between a Canadian oil company and an aquarium.

Ten years ago, Irving Oil rerouted its shipping lanes in the Bay of Fundy to move away from the feeding grounds of the North Atlantic right whale, reducing the risk of a collision.

the recovery of the endangered species.

Dr. Moira Brown, a senior scientist at the New England

scientist at the New England Aquarium in Boston, said in the past decade, the rightwhale population has grown by an average of two per cent annually, from about 350 whales to more than 450.

It's a move that scientists

say has played a great role in

"The animals were so few

in number when we started doing this that we were literally trying to reduce mortality one whale at a time," said Brown, whose aquarium continues to work with Irving to monitor the recovery of the whales.

"So, this is huge."

Brown said the whales venture from Florida to the North Atlantic to feed during the summer months. The ocean currents in the Bay of Fundy concentrate plankton into dense patches, said

But while the animals were feeding, vessels were steaming through the waters, hitting and killing the whales.

By moving the shipping lanes about six kilometres away from the feeding grounds, it reduced the risk of collisions by 90 per cent, said Brown.

"The fact that we actually had the room in the Bay of Fundy to move the lanes is what allowed us to move forward with that as the conservation measure to reduce the risk of mortality," said Brown.

In fact, since the rerouting, there have been no known collisions between a ship and a whale, she said.

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Irvina Oil

John Logan, manager of project management at Irving Oil, said it takes a little longer for the ships to get into port, but other than that, the change has gone relatively unnoticed.

St. Francis Xavier U

President on way to recovery

The board of governors at St. Francis Xavier University says President Sean Riley continues to recover in a Montreal hospital from a stroke. Board chairman Frank McKenna says Riley is improving after suffering the stroke last weekend. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fatal accident

Cape Breton crash victims identified

Police have identified the three people killed last week in a head-on crash in Cape Breton

Cape Breton.
David Leyden McKeough
and Mary Lee McKeough, both
of North Sydney, died when
their 2009 Dodge Charger
collided with a car driven by
William Dove of Sydney

Mines, who also died.

A 21-year-old woman from North Sydney, the third occupant in the Charger, was taken to the hospital in Sydney where she is expected to recover from her injuries.

RCMP say the crash near Millville happened just before 7 p.m. on Thursday.

Road and weather conditions at the time were good.
A section of Highway 105
west of North Sydney was
temporarily closed as crash

scene investigators tried to determine what happened.



Fiscal health

Province's credit outlook improves

Nova Scotia has received some good news from a credit-rating agency.

The Dominion Bond Rating Service has upgraded the province's outlook from stable to positive while reaffirming the province's A rating. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sydney

Two charged in drug bust

A large quantity of ecstasy and cocaine was seized by Cape Breton police during a vehicle stop near Sydney on Saturday night. Cape Breton Regional Police have charged two men, both age 22, with trafficking cocaine.

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Montreal subway keeps running despite Grand Prix disruption threat

Student uprising.

Police criticized for 'preventative' measures that kept potential protesters away from race site on island

Montreal police clamped down on any attempt to disrupt the subway line running to the city's Formula One Grand Prix race Sunday, arresting 34 people and forcing dozens more from the off-shore island where the race was held.

There were no major incidents despite plans by an anti-capitalist group — and promoted on a student association website — to disrupt the subway line that shuttled thousands of fans to the Circuit Gilles-Villeneuve.

Officers were posted at throughout the subway system, with sniffer dogs and a line of police at the station only steps from the track.

But police were criticized for searches and arrests that police called "a preventive measure."



Police use pepper spray and fight with protesters during an arrest on St. Catherine Street near the Montreal Grand
Prix festival area on Sunday perce wecape rule canadian press

"Some of those arrested were people police recognized from earlier student demonstrations that had been deemed illegal," district commander Alain Simoneau told reporters. "In the interest of public safety, we decided to detain these people."

Masks, rocks and knives were among the objects seized. Most of those arrested will be released without charge, while others arrested in neighbouring suburbs could be charged, Simoneau said.

Police presence was high leading up to the race. A Can-

adian Press reporter who didn't have a Grand Prix ticket wasn't allowed onto the island where the race is being held and was instead forced back onto the subway along with several other people.

Several people, many of them wearing red squares, the emblem of the student movement, were seen being forcibly escorted back onto the subway by police.

One young woman in tears said she was planning to get her ticket when she met up with a friend in front of the track. The woman, who had dyed red hair, accused the police of "profiling." Police said about 40 people were forced back in all.

An Ottawa man headed to the race said he felt the police had an obligation to ensure the event went off smoothly. He said while he supports the right to protest, disrupting the transit system was out of line.

"It should be a peaceful event," said Ali Fadelalla. "Lots of tourists come from all over the world. If people start to disrupt the race it's not good for the country or the province."

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There has been a heightened police presence throughout the four-day Grand Prix festivities in downtown Montreal and at the racetrack itself. The event has become the target of demonstrations against student tuition fee increases and capitalism in general.

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Alberta spill

Oil wasn't flowing at time of leak: Pipeline company

A representative for the company whose pipeline spilled hundreds of thousands of litres of oil into an Alberta river suggests there were two lucky breaks that kept it from being worse.

Stephen Bart, the vice-president of crude-oil operations for Plains Midstream Canada, says the first piece of good luck was that the pipeline wasn't flowing at the time. Bart says the second was that the Red Deer River was swollen with recent rain, and that washed the oil to the Gleniffer Reservoir where it can be more easily contained by booms. Plains Midstream Canada estimates that between 1,000 and 3,000 barrels of oil spilled Thursday.

Bart says people are on foot looking for wildlife that may have been affected by the spill, but there are few reports of injured animals so far. The company has been providing bottled water to people who draw their drinking water directly from the CANAMAN PRESS.



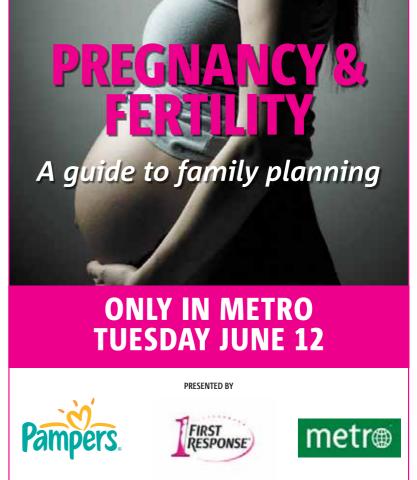
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Forgiveness not easy for woman in iconic **Vietnam War photo**

Hatred. Bombing changed view of the war, and left her scarred for life

A woman who came to symbolize the horrors of the Vietnam War said she thought she would "die of hatred" after the bombing that left

her scarred for life.

Though she eventually learned to forgive those behind the attack — and the brutal conflict that spurred it — Kim Phuc Phan Thi vowed she would never forget the terrible consequences of war. That she survived the raid

was "an accident of history," she said on the 40th anniversary of the photo that made her famous.

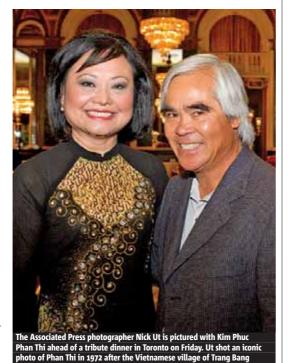
"I'll never forget my two cousins who were killed in that napalm fire and I'll never forget the millions of innocent victims who live their lives with the daily threat of violence and war," she said.

Kim Phuc was only nine years old when she was photographed fleeing a na-palm strike on her village in South Vietnam on June 8, 1972

The image of her running naked down a road captured worldwide attention and

later won a Pulitzer Prize.

Recovering from the physical and emotional wounds she suffered took years, Kim Phuc said, thanking the journalists, nurses, doctors and loved ones who came to her aid in the decades since the bombing.



"A moment captured on film turned one child's atrocity into a story of hope and survival.

Kim Phuc Phan Thi On the photo that changed her life

"In order to be really free, I had to learn to forgive," she said in an emotional speech punctuated by tears.

"It was the hardest work of my life, but I did it."

Kim Phuc and her husband came to Canada in 1992 and now live in the Toronto area. Five years after landing in her adoptive country, she founded the Kim Foundation International, which provides free medical assistance to children who are victims of war and terrorism.

Federal budget. Potential for long week as Speaker set to rule on stall tactics

Opposition politicians throwing hundreds of amendments at the Conservatives' omnibus budget bill are set to find out which ones are going to stick.

What could be a marathon week in the House of Commons begins Monday with the Speaker expected to decide how over 1,000 changes proposed to Bill C-38, the government's budget implementation bill, will be dealt with in the House.

The government argues all legislation contained within the bill is to the economic benefit of the country, but critics say jamming so many major changes into a single bill means they aren't getting the scrutiny they require.
But with a Conservative

majority, the bill is set to pass,

The 400-plus pages of legislation amend some 70 laws, including the process for environmental assessment and the rules around old age security and **Employment Insurance.**

so all the Opposition parties have pulled procedural rabbits out of their hats.

The New Democrats and the Liberals gave notice of over 1,000 amendments seeking to delete various clauses of the bill. Technically, a vote is required on each one, which could keep the Commons sitting around the clock for days

"The content is flawed in many respects and they just want to bulldoze through the whole process," said NDP deputy finance critic Guy Caron.

Both parties had also suggested changes at the committee studying the bill, but those were rejected by the Tories.

On Monday, the Liberals will try anew, asking that elements relating to fisheries, environmental assessment, EI and old age security be removed and introduced as separate legislation.

Conservative House Leader Peter Van Loan suggested the government may look at some of the proposed changes, but argued the lion's share are merely procedural games.

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Apple. New iPhone, iPad software anticipated

Apple CEO Tim Cook is expected to show off new iPhone software, updated Mac computers and provide more details on future releases of Mac software when he kicks off the company's annual conference for software developers on Monday.

The announcement of new software for the iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch has been confirmed by banners that appeared at the Moscone conference centre in San Francisco on Friday, reading "iOS 6."

Apple has for the past few years used its Worldwide Developers Conference as an opportunity to announce new iPhone software.

What's not known is what new features will come with iOS 6, or when it will be released to consumers. Usually, the new software becomes available for download around the time a new iPhone model appears.

Apple-watchers expect the next version of the iPhone, the iPhone 5, to appear this fall, about a year after the launch of the 45 model.

In 2010, Apple demonstrated the new iPhone 4 at the WWDC, but analysts don't expect the company to show off a phone model this year.

With the launch of iOS 5 last year, Apple added many features already found in competing smartphone software. It

also added the "Siri" virtual-assistant feature, which interprets voice commands and talks back to the user.

This year, there are fewer "catch-up" features to add, so Apple watchers expect more modest improvements.

Some speculate that Facebook could become more tightly integrated, in much the same way that Apple baked Twitter functions into its soft-

ware last year.

That could make it easier to post Facebook status updates from within Apple's apps.

On the Mac software side, there are fewer unknowns. Apple already demonstrated most of the features of OS X 10.8 "Mountain Lion" in February and said it will go on sale late this summer.

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It's all downhill from here despite bailout: Spain PM



Debt crisis. Spain becomes the fourth and largest country to ask eurogroup to rescue its failing banks

Spain's grinding economic misery will get worse this year, despite the country's request for a European financial lifeline of up to \$125 billion US to save its banks, Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy said Sunday.

A day after the country conceded it needed outside help following months of denying it would seek assistance, Rajoy said more Spaniards will lose their jobs in a country where

Quoted

"Lots of people enjoyed the consumer boom, but not everybody. Now everybody's having to pay for it."

Paul Preston, history professor and expert on Spain with the London School of Economics one out of every four are already unemployed.

"This year is going to be a bad one," Rajoy said Sunday in his first comments about the rescue since it was announced the previous evening by his economy minister.

The conservative prime minister added that the economy, stuck in its second recession in three years, will still contract the previously predicted 1.7 per cent even with the help.

Spain on Saturday became the fourth — and largest — of the 17 countries that use Europe's common currency to request a bailout — a big blow to a nation that a few years ago took pride as the continent's economic superstar only to see it become the hot spot in the eurozone debt crisis. Its economy is the eurozone's fourth largest after Germany, France and Italy.

Although Spain has not yet said how much money it would seek, the eurogroup — finance ministers of the 17-country eurozone — said in a statement Saturday that it was prepared to lend up to \$125 billion.

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Haitians hope to bypass banks

A vendor of Digicel's Tchotcho Mobile services, right, makes a transfer for a client in front of her shop in Port-au-Prince earlier this month. Aid agencies trying to remake Haiti after a catastrophic earthquake are promoting a new way to bypass banks altogether: easy money transfers by cellphone. The plan lets people save and move money in mobile-phone accounts and quickly withdraw it at a network of retail stores around the country. DIEU NALIO CHERY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Charity auction

Lunch with Buffett nets \$3.4 million

The cost to dine with investor Warren Buffett has apparently spiked in value, with one deep-pocketed bidder forking over nearly \$3.5 million during a charity auction Friday night.

The annual auction for a private lunch with the Nebraska billionaire closed following a flurry of activity in the final hours. In the end, the highest bid was a record-breaking \$3,456,789.

The auction benefits the Glide Foundation, which helps the homeless in San Francisco.

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REAL DISCUSSION NEEDED ON ELECTORAL BOUNDARY ISSUE



COMPASS

Premier Darrell Dexter is right that the province's electoral boundaries commission was wrong to ignore its mandate to eliminate designated minority ridings

But his government was wrong to force that mandate on the commission in the first place.

Let's rewind. There's a legal requirement that an electoral boundaries commission be established every so often to determine the appropriate number, size, shape and composition of the

aintain status quo

The committee — did we mention that it was NDP-dominated and that the minority ridings are represented by other parties? — specifically instructed the commissioners to eliminate the policy of drawing boundaries in such a way as to encourage electoral representation of francophones and African Nova Scotians.

province's voting districts. Last fall, the legislature created a select committee on establishing an electoral boundaries commission to

figure out who should sit on

it and what its terms of reference should be.

That NDP-dominated committee-to-choose-a-commission held 10 hearings over less than two whirlwind weeks in five communities from Yarmouth to Sydney. Most were sparsely attended. Some lasted less than half an hour because no one showed up.

There was some discussion about designated minority ridings, but, from my brief traipse through the transcripts, most of those who - and most of them, to be fair, had a vested interest - supported the status quo.

Despite that, the committee — did we mention that it was NDP-dominated and that the minority ridings are represented by other parties? — sp cifically instructed the commissioners to eliminate the policy of drawing boundaries in such a way as to encourage electoral representation of francophones and African Nova Scotians.

Because the legislature wasn't sitting at the time, the report didn't come back to the House of Assembly for debate. Instead, the report itself became fiat.

Now, there's nothing wrong with asking whether it really make sense to gerrymander certain ridings to make it more likely voters will elect a member of a designated minority group — someone who can represent both the riding and the broader interests of the group in the legislature.

It certainly hasn't always had the desired effect; black

Preston, for example, continues to be represented by a white politician. Are there better ways to achieve the desired result, a more completely representative legislature? Let's have a real discussion about this important issue.

An electoral boundaries commission that engages Nova Scotians of all political stripes and persuasions in open discussion would have offered an ideal opportunity for that debate. If the NDP hadn't already determined the outcome.

Weird news

Owner stunned to be reunited with lost prosthetic lea

A fisherman was surprised when he hauled up a prosthetic leg from the Gulf of Mexico, and even more surprised when he was able to find its owner.

Fisherman Matt Willing-

ham says he contacted the manufacturer about finding the owner of the leg embla-zoned with the logo from the University of Kentucky.

Fred Robinson, who played on the school's football team in the 1980s, says he was shocked to find out someone found his \$30,000

prosthetic leg. He says lost the prosthetic while swimming over the Memorial Day weekend. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Something's fishy about this ...



Post-violence pampering

Pedicure shops set foot in Iraa

An Iraqi man immerses his feet in a fish tank with Garra rufa, also known as doctor fish, at Baghdad's first fish-pedicure salon in Iraq on Sunday. The latest luxury spa in Iraq's capital offers another small sign of life creeping closer to normalcy, if your definition of "normal" includes having tiny fish nibble on your feet.

The salon aims to bring in Iraqi customers who have recently begun to venture out again as the violence that engulfed the country after the 2003 U.S.led invasion ebbs THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bombings and shootings

are still common, but daily life has improved for most people in recent years. Dozens of beauty salons, cosmetic-surgery centres and other enterprises have sprung up to cash in on war-weary Iragis looking for pampering.

- Doctor's Fish Spa opened dad's upscale Mansour area.
- Owner Musbah Saleh says he's confident of success for his piscine pampering project despite minor logistical hurdles, such as the city's frequent power cuts that force him to run a noisy generator

Nailing it

"Chinese massage centres, beauty salons are all thriving. So this kind of business has a promising future.... The Iraqi people need these things because they couldn't have them before."

Doctor's Fish Spa owner Musbah Saleh, commenting on the new spa industry that is thriving in Iraq.

Spa located near security checkpoint

Violence in Baghdad has dropped sharply in recent years, after a wave of sectarian attacks that pushed the country to the brink of civil war. The wealthy Mansour neighbourhood near Musbah Saleh's spa saw some of the worst of the sectarian

carnage. Just down the street from Doctor's Fish Spa, there is a police checkpoint — one of dozens across Baghdad — with concrete barriers, rolls of barbed wire and armed police. Far from scaring customers off, the checkpoint was part of the location's appeal, Saleh Savs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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@Widdz77:

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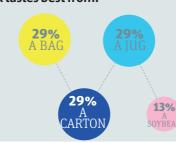
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Creatures lure audiences

Circus animals and space beasts have lifted . Hollywood to a huge weekend. The cuddly critters of Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted \$60.4 million debut, fol-lowed by a big opening for Ridley Scott's alien saga Prometheus at No. 2 with \$50 million. **DreamWorks Anima**tion's Madagascar 3 was the family favourite for the weekend, reuniting voice stars Ben Stiller, Chris Rock, Jada Pinkett Smith and David Schwimmer as the zoo animals continue their travels by joining a circus. Prometheus, from 20th Century Fox, stars Noomi Rapace, Michael Fassbender and Charlize Theron in an offshoot of director's Scott's 1979 science-fiction horror tale Alien. Prometheus did big business despite an R rating, which can limit a movie's audience in the U.S. since those under 17 must see it with an adult.

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Metric find their system

New album. Band parlays their success into making music on their own terms and gets experimental on Synthetica

TABASSUM SIDDIQUI

It's a well-worn cliché: emerging indie band with big buzz but few resources faces umpteen struggles along the way before finally breaking through and becoming a bona fide international success.

But despite their steady rise, Metric have always refused to take the expected route - while other bands in their position may have succumbed to the pressures that go hand-in-hand with crossing over into the mainstream, they decided to leverage their success a slightly different way — by making their next album entirely on their own terms.

The band's new record, Synthetica, offers a sleek digital-meets-analogue twist on the quartet's signature synth-pop — fans looking for a repeat of the shiny stadium anthems of 2009's Fantasies (which sold over 1 million singles and nearly 500,000 copies worldwide) might be slightly nonplussed, but to hear singer Emily Haines tell it, success equalled more creative freedom.

"You have to really have it together on all fronts," she notes.

"It's pretty challenging to navigate the business side and the sonic side - the music you want to create, who you want to work with, the live element. So it feels like we've slowly but surely made progress in all those areas over the years, and it feels good to be heading in the direction we always hoped to.'

Aside from releasing their music entirely in-dependently through their own label via various international partnerships, another piece of the puzzle was establishing their own studio at home in Toronto
— being able to hunker down amidst guitarist-pro-ducer Jimmy Shaw's growing arsenal of vintage gear and instruments proved to be the key catalyst in defining Synthetica's sound.

"It sounded as if I were writing in this context that Jimmy created — this futuristic-yet-nostalgic kind of sound," says Haines, the band's principal lyricist.

"It's interesting with those instruments, because when they were invented, they were associated with the future. And now here we are in the supposed future, and those instruments actually sound really charming — they don't sound alien at all."

From the robotic stomp of first single Youth Without Youth (which quickly became the first single to ever debut at No. 1 on the Canadian Mediabase alternative radio chart) to the buzzy synths propelling surefire hit The Void, Synthetica paints a portrait of a modern era too preoccupied with keeping up than it is with taking stock. "It's our examination of

what's real and what's artifi-

cial," Haines explains.

"So it's a lot about looking back to look forward it's not really so much about reminiscing as trying to get a handle on things so you can figure out which direction to

Mapping out their own

route - literally and figuratively — will be a major part of Metric's preoccupations over the next year as the band hits the road across the globe in support of the new album ("You'd laugh if you saw the giant wall calendar that is our lives right now," Haines quips) while also managing the responsibilities that come with being in charge of their own creative and business inter-

"We seem to be living in exponential times, where things are changing so rapidly — obviously not just in music, but in all sectors of technology," Haines says.

"It's sort of more fun to be on the side where we're on, where we can be in the moment and try and experiment with things that haven't been done before. as opposed to trying to hold on to the way things used

"But we're up for the whole thing — we feel like we're doing exactly what we're meant to do."

"We seem to be living in exponential times, where things are changing so rapidly — obviously not just in music, but in all sectors of technology."

Metric's Emily Haines

Special concerts

Homegrown heroes?

Always a fan favourite in Canada (fun fact: though Haines and Shaw initially formed the band as a duo in Toronto in the late '90s, the band expanded into a quartet a few years later by adding the rhythm section of Joules Scott-Key and Joshua Winstead, both from the U.S.), Metric decided to kick off the release of Synthetica with special concerts in Montreal and Toronto, including an exclusive performance at Toronto's Phoenix Concert Theatre on Tuesday night (fans could win tickets via hints on the band's Twitter and Facebook pages).

"The more you travel, the more you value your home," Haines says of Metric's deep-seated connection with their Canadian fanbase.

"I love doing stuff like [the special CD-release shows] — we have the freedom to do that now, so why not?'

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Perry keeps it professional

With her marriage to Russell Brand falling apart, Katy Perry learned how to keep her personal problems backstage while touring last year, she explains to Graham Norton in an interview.

"I love being onstage, and even though I went through some pretty tough times last year, I had to separate that because I know my problems are my problems and they are not the audience's problems," Perry says.

"They are here to

see a show and to be entertained, so I got on that lift, put a smile on my face and went up (onstage) with my t-s spin-ning." After her interview, Perry was spotted grabbing dinner with Florence + the Machine guitarist Robert Ackroyd, with whom she'd supposedly split up last month.

The Word

Lindsay Lohan's car crash still happening

MONICA WEYMOUTH

Lindsay Lohan got into a nasty car accident in L.A. over the weekend, and because this is Lindsay Lohan, things are far from over.

The actress, who was driving, initially claimed that an 18-wheeler cut off her black Porsche, causing her to slam into the back of it and total her car.

We're not sure if the damage matches up to this story — we're not even sure we've ever seen a Porsche in one piece — but the driver of the truck tells TMZ that Lohan, who was speeding, caused the crash, then attempted to leave the scene while her assistants negotiated a bribe and removed the actress' belongings from the car.

"Td already called 911 because they were trying to get away from the scene," the truck driver tells the site. "But they packed a bag and then the (assistant) told me. METRO DISH

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'Don't mention the bag to the cops."

the cops."

Lindsay, for her part, is sticking with her original story, but yesterday also floated the idea that the brakes on the Porsche, which was a rental, were recently replaced and failed.

Lindsay, we realize you

didn't have a normal adolescence, so allow us to explain how this works: When you irresponsibly smash up an expensive car that isn't yours, the correct response is to cry, call your mom and say "officer" a lot.

Rinse and repeat as necessary.

Warning: Nude Snooki is lurking out there

Jersey Shore star Snooki seems to be the latest celebrity to get her phone hacked and, surprise, there were nude photos on there.

The pictures, which were first posted to the blog Egotastic, show her — or, if we're entertaining a really dark world, an impersonator — in a hotel room and appear to be at least six months old.

We can't decide what's more upsetting: That we've seen Snooki naked, or that we can estimate how long ago she was naked.





FAMILY



Health

Mariiuana more popular than smokes

A U.S. government survey shows more teens are now smoking pot than cigarettes.
The Centres for Disease **Control and Prevention** reports that 23 per cent of high school students said they recently smoked marijuana, while 18 per cent said they puffed cigarettes. The survey asked teens about risky behaviours. For decades, the number of teens who smoke has been on the decline. Marijuana has fluctuated, and recently rose. But last year marked the first time marijuana use was clearly greater.

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Of 'stolen' baby names

Etiquette. What if someone got to your "special" one first?

SHAWNA COHEN

Just days after Blue Ivy entered the world, proud parents Beyoncé and Jay-Z trademarked their little girl's name. But guess what? You can still name your little bundle Blue Ivy if your heart desires (just don't go using that name on your line of hipster onesies).

Baby names are a free for all. Nobody owns the rights to a

baby name - not your cubicle mate, your BFF or your very own sister who had the name "Zoe" picked out from birth. And it's about time people stopped accusing others of "stealing" their baby names.

This isn't high school, people! Recently, the Social Security Administration released its list of the top American baby names for 2011. As fascinating as the list itself is, some people are actually upset if their chosen baby name happens to have fallen on it. For example, the name Mason is in the No. 2 spot for boys much to the dismay of parents who believe they personally invented/discovered that

name (newsflash: you didn't!). One Mommyish reader

named Katie shared her own ridiculous baby namestealing story. It goes like this: A girl in her daughter's class is named Isabelle. Isabelle's mom went nuts when a fellow mom named her second child Isla. She claims to have invented the name Isabelle and she felt that Isla was just a bit too similar. So Isabelle's mom flipped out at Isla's poor mom and accused her of stealing the name she magically created by combining Izzy and Belle. (Isabelle's mom, if you happen to be

reading this: Get a grip, lady!) Also this month, the New

York Times devoted space to this very issue. One reader "Meghan" from St. Louis —

"Meghan" from St. Louis — wrote in with the following:
"I'm expecting my first child next month. We're naming our son Benjamin, a family name filled with meaning. I told my colleagues months ago. My assistant is also autorize to first shild. also expecting her first child. She recently announced that she will name her son Benjamin, too. I approached her privately and told her I was upset. Šhe thought I was be ing unreasonable, and told me she chose the name after me because she thought it was cute. What should I do?"

Meghan, too, was told

to get a grip - thank God! (It was even recommended that she consider the name Nenjabim as an alternative, which cracked me up.) My point is this: If you

have an "original" baby name picked out, don't share it in advance. If you do share it in advance, don't be upset if someone else uses it.

Another point: If you hear a name that you like, go ahead and use it. Who cares if there are two Jadens in the same playgroup? Chances are there will be two more in little Jaden's classroom, anyway, and another seven at your next door neighbour's birthday party.



FOOD/GOING GREEN

A distinctly savoury and stylish take on cheesecake

Top these little cakes with smoked salmon with a sprig of fresh dill; pear with caramelized onions; caviar and sour cream; prosciutto-wrapped fig or; black olive tapenade.

- 1. Line a 23-cm (9-inch) pan with foil, letting it hang over the edge for easy removal of cheesecake; set aside.
- 2. Crust: In a bowl, combine graham cracker crumbs, melted butter, sugar and pepper. Press into pan. Bake in 150 C (300 F) oven for 10 minutes. Let cool completely.
- **3.** Filling: Using a food processor, blend cream cheese, sugar, egg, egg yolk, sour cream, lemon juice, salt and pepper. Process until all ingredients are fully incorporated and batter is free of lumps, about 1 minute. Pulse in walnuts and chives.
- **4.** Pour into pan and spread evenly over crust. Bake for 20 minutes or until centre is firm. Do not over-bake. Let cool completely in pan, cover



and place in refrigerator over-

5. Remove cheesecake from pan. With a warm, dry knife, trim off edges. Cut remaining cheesecake into 2.5-cm (1-inch) or 4-cm (1 1/2-inch) squares, wiping the knife after each cut. Top as desired and serve. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ WALNUTINFO.COM/ ADAPTED BY EMI- LY RICHARDS (PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR, TV CE-LEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDS.CA)

- 250 ml (1 cup) graham cracker crumbs
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) butter,
- 5 ml (1 tsp) each granulated sugar and freshly ground Filling
- 1 1/4 pkgs (250-g/8-oz size)
- cream cheese, room temper ature (312 g/10 oz total)
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) granulated sugar

- 1 egg yolk 20 ml (4 tsp) sour cream
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) lemon juice
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) freshly ground
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) walnuts,
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Go green: Taking an eco-friendly vacay





OF GREEN

Is there such thing as green hotels? And if so how can I find one? Dan of Toronto

Indeed, there are green ho-

Many work to conserve resources like energy and water — by installing everything from energy-efficient lighting to low-flow shower heads. Other green hotels tackle waste and pollution with food waste composting, in-room recycling and using eco-friendly cleaning prod-

One option is to search the Green Key Eco-Rating Program website at greenkey global.com. They rate hotels and resorts in Canada, the U.S. and internationally on environmental performance

Top Canadian Hotels (topcanadianhotels.com) allows hotels to self-select as "green" by submitting an evaluation of their environmental performance energy conservation, pollution prevention — to receive green leafs (one to five). However, it doesn't appear that the actions committed by the hotels are verified by another third party, or Top Canadian Hotels for that matter.

A leader in the green hotel movement has been the Fairmont Hotels & Resorts, In

1990, the company launched a Green Hotel Partnership Program to minimize its properties' carbon footprint. In Vancouver, the Fairmont Waterfront raises 500,000 honeybees on its rooftop and maintains a beautiful herb garden (excellent bee food), not to mention serving Ocean Wise seafood, organic wines and much more. They believe they can minimize their environmental impact while offering guests an outstanding experience! And why not?

A simple Internet search using "green hotel" and your destination city will likely reveal a few excellent choices. Be prepared to ask about what exactly makes them "green."



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Not accepted: Fear of the flat envelope

There's life after that letter. Recover and recharge after post-secondary rejection

MELISSA REBER

As a high school senior I remember anxiously awaiting word of my acceptance to my top university picks. That day came when I had all the en-

School statistics

Knowledge by the numbers

- In Ontario, high school students are applying to universities in record numbers, continuing an 11-year trend of increasing demand for university education, according to the Council of Ontario Universities.
- The total number of first-year applicants rose by 2.2 per cent to 109,985 applicants at the January 11, 2012 deadline for secondary school applicants.
- * In 2010, there were almost 1.2 million students in degree programs on Canadian campuses: 755,000 undergraduates, 143,400 graduate students studying full-time, and an additional 275,800 students studying part-time.

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velopes in my hand — three stuffed to the brim with good news, and one pathetically thin with rejection.

I was offered a spot in another program, but this was still not what I was hoping for when I applied. As an 18-year-old who was not quite sure what I wanted to do with my life, the three acceptance letters left me with more choices then I knew what to do with, but there was a small part of me that felt the sting of not being 'good enough' for that one university.

Resumé reality

"Employers value skills and internship experience more than the name on a diploma. Success is up to the individual."

Allison Singh Author of Getting Over Not Getting In: A College Rejection Guide

Receiving a rejection letter to one, or a few, of your university applications is not uncommon.

With the number of applicants rising each year the competition is fierce if you want to secure a spot at one of the top universities in Canada.

So what happens when you receive that rejection letter and your dreams of walking across the graduation stage at (insert school name here) are dashed?

Allison Singh, author of Getting Over Not Getting In: A College Rejection Guide, offers advice on getting past the feelings of inadequacy and upset:

Remember that rejection will not hold you back

"But entering college full of bitterness and self-doubt will," says Singh,

"Research shows that these days it does not matter where students attend college, or at least not as much as they might think. Employers value skills and internship experience more than

Getting Over Not Getting In

A College Rejection Guide

Allison Singh

the name on a diploma. Success is up to the individual."

Respect your feelings

"Sometimes we minimize the sting of rejection or condescendingly tell students to just brush it off. This is unfair." Singh says. "In many ways, we have set students up for this by making the college admissions process the central focus of high school. I begin by reminding students that rejection is not an indicator of their ability or future success. They should be proud of what they accomplished in high school, regardless of where they end up."

Move forward

Singh suggests students to take another look at the schools that did accept them. "Visit the schools, talk to students. If they keep looking back at the school that said no, they will miss out on all of the opportunities at the school that said yes."

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'I saw him heal completely'

Wellness at work.

Facing a health scare with her son, Angela Shim took matters into her own hands



THE IN-CREDIBILITY

Sometimes the most amazing things in life come in

the smallest packages. Angela Shim was working in a bank when she gave birth prematurely to her

When he was diagnosed with severe health prob-lems, she was told by the doctors that there was noth-

ing more they could do.
"He was eight years old and looked like a dehydrated old man covered in gauze. I made a decision at that time I was going to do whatever it took to find a solution.

Angela went to workshops, web seminars and naturopaths; then she went

to work on her son. "I saw him heal completely. We got him off puffers and medications and we saw a new person."

Angela's son is now a healthy 19-year-old.

She left the bank and created a new career helping other parents heal their children through food nutrition and energy manage-

"I feel very blessed with what I've experienced and it has been an awakening

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"I feel very blessed with what I've experienced and it has been an awakening process."

Angela Shim

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Meet the newest Mooseheads

The Halifax Mooseheads selected nine players in Saturday's QMJHL draft in Quebec City — six forwards and three defencemen. For a detailed scouting breakdown of each selection, visit Metro's Q Files blog at metronews.ca/qfiles and get the scoop from Mooseheads veteran scout Allie MacDonald.

On the web



Get a closer look at the Mooseheads' draft picks. Scan the code for stats and comments.

Mooseheads toughen up, add depth in draft



Boasting talents such as Nathan MacKinnon and Jonathan Drouin, the Halifax Mooseheads already had superstar power. So on Saturday, they tried to get some sandpaper to complement it.

After going for a homerun pick with NCAA-bound Jack Eichel in the first round, the Mooseheads — who only had two picks in the top 105 — turned their focus to character role players for the rest of the QMJHL draft in Quebec City.

Among their picks are three forwards who could step right in: Third-rounder Jonathan Lacroix-Courville and sixth-rounder Liam Alcade, both from Quebec, and 11th-rounder John Mullaly of Timberlea.

"We've been blessed with a lot of skill, and we wanted to add some grit and some guys who are going to make camp interesting," said Mooseheads scout Allie MacDonald. "The message (to the newcomers is) come in and work hard, because those spots are wide open."

Mullaly slipped because he is looking at U.S. colleges, but MacDonald said the hardnosed Halifax Titans major midget standout could "challenge to be our centre on that fourth line."

The five-foot-11, 200-pound

Alcade also fits a fourth-line description — "a bruiser," according to MacDonald — while Lacroix-Courville is a tenacious forehecker with "grit, determination and some feel with the puck."

Lacroix-Courville is confident he can crack Halifax's lineup.

"I think I'm going to have a good chance because of the style of player I am," the Gatineau, Que., native said. "I'm a guy with a little bit of energy and I can score, so I'm kind of like a power forward"

like a power forward."

Added Alcade: "They're going to be a good team next year so I hope to be a part of it." MATTHEW WUEST/METRO

Eichel 'willing to listen' to Mooseheads' sales pitch

Surprised draftee.

Halifax GM calls American-born forward the best player in the draft



MATTHEW WUEST

While the Halifax Mooseheads were calling Jack Eichel's name at the QMJHL draft in Quebec City, the 15-year-old was home in Chelmsford, Mass., mowing his lawn.

Eichel, who the Mooseheads selected in the first round, 15th overall, was the first no-show selection at Colisee Pepsi on Saturday. The announcement hushed the crowd as the big screen went blank because the league had no highlight pack to display

pack to display.

Not long after, Eichel found out he had been picked when his dad called him with the news.

"It honestly was a big surprise," said Eichel, when reached by phone by Metro Halifax after the draft.

"I had a little bit of interest from them but I wasn't expecting it. I hadn't made a commitment to play in Halifax, so you're not expecting to get picked in the first round if you're not sure you're going to go there."

Eichel has signed up to join the U.S. development program in Ann Arbor, Mich., next season and has committed to play NCAA for Boston University starting in 2014. But he sounds flattered by the Mooseheads' interest

"It's a huge honour, especially as an American kid, to be picked in the first round," Eichel said. "Yeah it is. It's really nice."

Eichel finished fourth in Empire Junior Hockey League scoring last season with 86 points in 36 games with the Boston Junior Bruins.

Mooseheads general manager Cam Russell said Eichel could make an immediate impact in Halifax's lineup and went as far as to say the six-foot, 175-pound centre was "head and shoulders above, the best player in the draft."

Growing up in the Boston area, Eichel said he didn't know much about the QM-JHL until teams started contacting him in the lead-up to the draft

the draft.

The Mooseheads have a solid sales pitch — a starstudded team gearing up for a run at a QMJHL championship and a Memorial Cup — and Eichel said he's "willing to listen" to what they have to offer.

"I really don't know yet," Eichel said. "I have some great advisers so I have to talk to them. My plans are, right now, to go to the national team next year, but I do take everything year by year and try not to look too far forward."

Quoted

"The minute the puck comes into his area, he's a guy who turns on a switch and he just goes to another level."

Mooseheads scout Allie MacDonald on



Mooseheads first-round pick Jack Eichel, left, competes for the United States at the Winter Youth Olympic Games in Innsbruck, Austria, in January, Martin Rose/Getty Images File

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Little action

Mooseheads quiet on trade front, but still 'the clear favourite

Lots of talk, but in the end, not much action.

That was the story for the Halifax Mooseheads on the trade front at the QMJHL draft in Quebec City on the weekend, despite their hope of bol-stering their lineup with veteran talent.

Their lone roster move saw them acquire overage right-winger Stefan Fournier, a six-foot-three 32-goal scorer who general manager Cam Russell calls a "perfect fit" for Halifax's lineup. Russell said he's happy

moving forward with the group of players he has in

"We spent three years putting a group of guys together who we have a lot of confidence in," Russell said. "We feel they're the guys that can bring home a championship.

The Mooseheads were open to trading their firstround pick but ultimately used it to select highly skilled American centre Jack Eichel because, according to Russell, "it wasn't a good enough pick (in a trade) to bring us a player who would put

us over the top."
That's not to say Russell's done wheeling and dealing. There's another trade period in August as well as the all-important three-week window for moves in December and January, when prices tend to be higher.
"You never stop tinker-

ing with your lineup,' Russell said.

At the draft in Quebec City, many rival general managers were already calling the Mooseheads the team to beat.

"No question, coming out of the chute, Halifax is going to be the clear favourite, and rightly so," Moncton Wildcats general manager Danny Flynn said. "They've been building for three years and they have a very good team." matthew wuest/metro





Highmore leads off day for Nova Scotia

QMJHL draft.

Dartmouth native is the first Bluenoser picked, going at No. 8 to Saint John



MATTHEW WUFST

Matthew Highmore woke up on his QMJHL draft day hoping he'd end up with the Saint John Sea Dogs. It wasn't long before he got his wish.

The Dartmouth native, who was ranked 11th by Central Scouting, knew the two-time defending league champions had first-round picks at Nos. 8 and 11 and was ecstatic when they selected him eighth at Colisee Pepsi in Quebec City.

"I was always hoping Saint John because it's such a great place to be," said Highmore, who is recovering from recent shoulder surgery and is unable to handshake with his right hand.

"When I saw that (they had picks at eight and 11), (I knew) I had a chance.

"It's very exciting," he added. "They're a great organization and I just can't wait to

The five-foot-11, 160-pound Dartmouth Ice Dawgs winger was a first-team Nova Scotia Major Midget Hockey League all-star last season after recording 13 goals and 13 assists

for 26 points in 25 games.

While the Sea Dogs have been the most successful franchise in the QMJHL over the past three seasons, they're losing several key veterans to the pros.

"There's still going to be a lot of good guys there," Highmore said. "But I feel like I can help them out offensively and defensively.

The Sea Dogs had targeted Highmore coming into the

day and consider him a quality two-way forward. As far as head coach Gerard Gallant is concerned, there's no doubt Highmore will step right into the QMJHL.

"There's room — there's lots of room," Gallant said. We've got a lot of guys going to the next level, so he'll have a job on our team next year and we expect him to be a good player and get lots of



Highmore was the first of 24 Nova scotians selected in Saturday's draft. For a full list of players selected, visit Metro's Q Files blog at metronews.ca/qfiles

Shocker

Titan select McDonald in 'nobrainer' move

It was no surprise that Halifax's Mason McDonald was the first goaltender selected in Saturday's QMJHL draft.

But what did catch many off guard was that the seventh-ranked prospect slipped all the way to the Bathurst Titan in second round, 20th overall, at Colisee Pepsi in

Quebec City.

"It was a shocker for us," said Titan hockey operations consultant Sylvain Couturier.

It was a long wait for McDonald with his family in the stands. But because Bathurst traded veteran stopper Robert Steeves earlier in the day, there's a chance he might step in with the Titan right away.

"It's nice to go to a place where hopefully I'll have a chance to play," McDonald said. "I just came here to get picked by a team and hopefully have an opportunity to play in the league. Even though it's in the second round, it still feels pretty great."

Couturier said Steeves was traded to allow Hammonds Plains native Jacob Brennan to take over as starter and that McDonald will have to win a job over 2011 sixth-rounder Samuel Sirois at training

camp.
One way or another, Couturier has no doubt about McDonald's poten-

tial.
"We like a lot of things about him," Couturier said. "He's definitely going to be a No. 1 in this league and we were very surprised to see him at No. 20. It was a no-brainer for US." MATTHEW WUEST/METRO

Moving overseas. Defenceman Hannay heading to Austria

Halifax Mooseheads defenceman Sawyer Hannay is headed to Austria this week and is expected to sign a contract with Salzburg Red Bull in the near future.

Hannay, a Vancouver Canucks draft choice in 2010 who was left unsigned by the NHL club, had the option of returning to the QMJHL as an over-ager but liked the idea of developing his game at the professional level.

"When you look at the spectrum of options he had, this is the one that gives him that opportunity to really develop the skills necessary to have a long career in the NHL," said Han-



nay's agent, Matt Ebbs.

Hannay, known for his rugged stay-at-home style, spent three seasons with the Mooseheads, appearing in 159 games, matthew wuest/metro

Expansion club takes ex-NHLer's son No. 1

Daniel Audette

Centre Daniel Audette, son of former NHL forward Donald Audette, was selected first overall by the expansion Sherbrooke Phoenix at the OMJHL draft on Saturday in Quebec City.

The five-foot-seven Daniel Audette was ranked first by Central Scouting. The 15-year-old who was born in Buffalo, N.Y., had 25 goals and 35 assists last season at the Quebec midget level for Esther-Blondin College.

His father was also a small forward who had 260 goals in 735 NHL games. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Trade roundup.

Sherbrooke tabs Flinn as goalie of the future

The Sherbrooke Phoenix have high hopes for Halifax's

Jack Flinn.
The QMJHL expansion club acquired the 16-year-old goaltender from the Moncton Wildcats on Friday along with four draft picks for the first-overall pick in the Canadian Hockey League import

They expect the six-footfour Flinn to back up overager Jacob Gervais-Chouinard this coming season and take over as starter the following

"We wanted to pick up a kid who has the potential to be a No. 1 in our second

The Quebec Remparts dealt former Halifax Mooseheads winger Gabriel Desjardins to the Rouyn-Noranda Huskies for three draft picks on Sat-urday. Desjardins, entering his over-age season, was traded from Halifax to Quebec in January.

year," said Phoenix general manager Patrick Charbon-neau. "We like what Jack brings. He's a big, tall goalie, takes up a lot of room in the goal." MATTHEW WUEST/METRO

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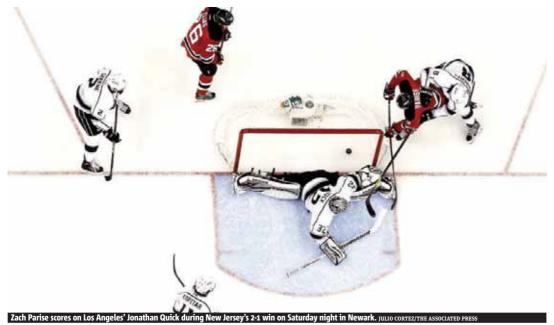




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Kings refocus with time running out

NHL. Doughty says club has tuned out distractions after losing two straight to Devils

The cellphones are going off and the blinds are going down. The Los Angeles Kings believe the best way to close out this Stanley Cup is to completely ignore the growing madness around them.

When they had a chance to make history and lift the trophy at Staples Center in Game 4, the requests for tickets and demands on their time went through the roof.

As a result, they may have been guilty of taking their eyes off the prize, something they've vowed not do when Quoted



"The only way to really look at it in the series is the first goal."

Kings coach Darryl Sutter. A key factor to watch in Game 6 is who scores first. In a series where goals have been extremely tough to come by, the team who takes the first lead has won five in a row.

they get a third shot at knocking off the New Jersey Devils in Game 6 on Monday.

"We don't want any distractions," said defenceman Drew Doughty. "I think a lot of us before Game 4 were distracted with family members and friends, the cup coming in the building. A lot of things we have to put aside. Family always comes first for everyone, but at this point of the year the team has to come first.

"We're a family in the room and on the ice."

It was a refreshing piece of honesty from Doughty, who provided the best view behind the curtains as the Kings family convened at their practice facility Sunday for a meet-

ing.

This is the first time all playoffs they've been part of a series that reached Game 6. The margin for error is getting slimmer and they're clearly looking to use the missed opportunities in this series for extra motivation.

"We realize a lot of us

One for the ages

Significant history will be made no matter who raises the cup.

 Los Angeles is after its first title in 45 years while the Devils are seeking to become the first team since the 1942 Maple Leafs to erase a 3-0 deficit in the final.

didn't play at our potential in Game 4," said Doughty. "We were nervous, worried about other things. All of us in the room were kind of frustrated that we were thinking about things ahead of time. (Coach) Darryl (Sutter) made sure that wasn't going to happen this time."

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Zealand in November 2010

Nova Scotian paddler retires ahead of Olympics

Two-time world champion rower and Olympic bronze medallist Tracy Cameron has retired just weeks before she hoped to compete in the Summer Olympics.

Cameron, from Shubenacadie, won the 2008 Olympic bronze medal in the lightweight women's double with Melanie Kok before teaming with Lindsay Jennerich to win the 2010 world title.

Although the Olympic team had yet to be named,

Cameron was expected to team up with Jennerich again at the 2012 Games in London after winning a race-off against Patricia Obee in Victoria this past April

But the duo placed eighth at a World Cup race in Lucerne, Switzerland, two weeks ago, and Cameron felt chemistry with Jennerich was not there.

"This is a very difficult decision — I believe in the Olympic values and have

lived my life with excellence, respect and friendship at the forefront of everything that I do," she said in a press release. "With those values as my guide, I knew that I could no longer stay in the double."

Cameron has been one of Canada's top lightweight rowers for the last eight years. She was a member of the lightweight quad that won the worlds title in

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MLB. Blue Jays roar back as bats come to life in Atlanta

Brett Lawrie, pictured, and Colby Rasmus each homered and drove in three runs and the Toronto rallied from an early four-run deficit to beat Atlanta 12-4 on Sunday. The Blue Jays set a season high with 18 hits as they ended a three-game losing streak. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tennis. Canada's Peliwo settles for 2nd in French Open junior competition

Canadian Filip Peliwo came up short in his second straight junior Grand Slam final, suffering a 6-1, 6-4 loss to Belgian Kimmer Coppejans on Sunday at the French Open. The 18-year-old from Vancouver had put the Belgian under pressure with three break points in the final game, but Coppejans managed the save them all — the third with an ace. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Formula One. Hamilton makes it three at Canadian Grand Prix

Lewis Hamilton won the Canadian Grand Prix for the third time on Sunday in Montreal and made his McLaren Mercedes the seventh car in as many Formula One races to win this season. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jamaica. Bolt OK after early morning 'fender bender'

Usain Bolt was involved in a minor car crash shortly before dawn Sunday in his Caribbean homeland of Jamaica but was not hurt, according to the publicist for the world's fastest man.

Carole Beckford said the three-time Olympic champion was returning from a party with friends in the early hours Sunday when he was involved in a "fender bender" in Jamaica's capital of Kingston.

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"We start amona the 16 teams with a chance to show how

good a football nation we are." England coach Roy

Hodgson, brushing aside recent struggles ahead of Monday's opener against France

France

Coach not counting club as favourite yet

Brushing aside talk of his side's 21-match unbeaten run, coach Laurent Blanc insists France still has everything to prove heading into its opener against England

Ahead of Monday's match in Ukraine, Blanc said, "We



can't have the same ambition as Germany or Spain" and warned "people tend to for-

Arshavin leads Russia in opener against Czechs

After only one match, Russia's forward line is already looking like one of the tournament's most imposing.

While the big-name attackers of the Netherlands, Portugal and Germany could

only score one goal between them in their opening matches, Russia put four past a hapless Czech defence.

The win was masterminded by Andrei Arshavin, who has returned to form since his loan move from Arsenal to Zenit St. Petersburg. The striker made his name during Zenit's 2008 UEFA Cup title run before helping Russia reach the Euro 2008

Ukraine



"Our young players sometimes want to do more than they can ...

and they are very hun**gry now."** Urkraine coach Oleg **Blokhin** on his team's preparedness ahead of Monday's opener against Sweden.

Spain's 14-match win streak ends with draw against Italy

Defending champions.

Spaniards surrender opening goal but even things up three minutes later

For Spain, it was a bit of a stumble. For Italy, it was a bit of a reprieve.

Beginning its bid for a third straight major title, the Spanish rallied to earn a 1-1 draw Sunday against Italy, which entered this year's European Championship amid another

match-fixing scandal.

Antonio Di Natale put Italy in front after an excellent setup from Andrea Pirlo in the 61st minute, but Cesc Fabregas equalized for the defending champions three minutes later by finishing off a dazzling display of Spain's trademark passing game.

"Being the favourite now is complicated, but in the end we found the character (to earn a draw)," Fabregas said.

Spain, which followed up its Euro 2008 victory with the 2010 World Cup title, dominated the Group C match for long stretches but struggled to finish at times, while Italy relied on dangerous counter-





"The thing that really disappoints us is that we allowed them to equalize very quickly," Italy coach Cesare Prandelli said. "We were playing the world champions and we should have made them work harder to get back into the game. We gave Spain the chance to score goals. We need to improve, but that's our mentality."

The draw ended a 14-match winning streak for Spain in competitive matches, which began after a 1-0 loss to Switzerland to open the last World

Cup.
Still, it could have been worse.
"I don't leave here frus-

trated because the effort we made to win this game was tremendous," Spain coach Vicente del Bosque said. "It was a good game, a different kind of game. It was back-and-forth and the draw was the fair re-

Mario Balotelli confirmed his reputation as an uncontrollable talent. Antonio Di Natale confirmed his as a late-blooming but utterly pure goal-scorer.

The study in contrasts could not have been greater between the two Italy forwards during Sunday's 1-1 draw with Spain at the European Championship.

The 21-year-old Balotelli earned one yellow card and could have easily been handed another, then wasted his best scoring chance by inexplicably waiting too long to shoot.

The 34-year-old Di Natale scored on his very first chance, five minutes after replacing Balotelli.

The difference in performance could prompt Italy coach Cesare Prandelli to start Di Natale ahead of Balotelli in Italy's next Group C match against Croatia on Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Among the 38,869 in attendance were Italy President Giorgio Napolitano and Spain Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Mandzukic double helps Croatia beat Ireland



Playing in a difficult group with Spain and Italy, it's Croatia at the top.

The Croats took advantage of a frail Ireland defence to win their opening match at the European Championship, getting two goals from Mario Mandzukic in a 3-1 victory on a rainy evening at the Municipal Stadium.

"I still can't believe what we just did. It was a fantastic victory," Mandzukic said. "We knew it would be a tough match, but we responded excellently and we achieved a



Croatia now leads Group C with three points, while Spain and Italy each have one point after their 1-1 draw in Gdansk, Poland. Ireland, which is playing at a major tournament for the first time in 10 years, is last.

Croatia took the lead in the third minute when Mandzukic looped a header past a diving Shay Given, but Ireland equalized in the 19th when Sean St. Ledger headed in Aiden McGeady's free kick from the left.

Nikica Jelavic put Cro-atia back in front in the 43rd minute, scoring his first goal in a competitive match since he made his international debut in 2009.

Mandzukic added the third in the 48th after his header from Ivan Perisic's cross bounced off the post and into the net off Given's head.

"Croatia didn't split us open. From our point of view they were disappointing goals to concede."

Ireland player Sean St. Ledger on having three goals scored against his team

Croatia nearly made it 4-1 in the 77th when Ivan Rakitic's shot curled just wide of Given's right-hand post.

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- 12 Duel tool
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- 17 Martini base
- 18 Wool provider
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- 32 Altar affirmative
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- 37 Toward the sunset
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- 40 Derisive laugh
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- 43 Merchant of Venice heroine
- 47 Verily
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- 51 Felonious flight
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- 3 Succor
- 4 Moved the carpeting
- 5 Gumbo base
- 6 Cushion
- 7 Storm centre 8 Reef material
- 9 Circus star's walkway
- 10 Tom Joad, e.g.
- 11 Teller's partner 16 See 2-Down (Abbr.)
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- 22 Sound
- 23 Aerobatic maneuver
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- 25 Past
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- 27 Bell noise
- 29 Dos' neighbours 30 Likely
- 35 Pen point
- 37 Soup-can painter 39 Bird houses?
- 40 Stolen
- 41 Nabors role
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- 46 Commotions 49 With it 50 Bobby of hockey

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and

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> PDWO PEFJ IOETIFL IBW HWBK TIOOWBFK, LDARFJ

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Tuesday



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Aries | March 21 - April 20.

This is a good day for socializing, for spending quality time with your friends.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

Enjoy yourself today but make sure you know your limits and make sure you stay within them.

If Gemini | May 22 - June

20. Jupiter moves into your sign today, signaling the start of a more fortunate phase, but don't expect too much.

Gancer | June 21 - July 22.

You are under no obligation to work your fingers to the bone, nor are you obliged to rescue a friend or work colleague from a situation that is

∩ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. The

moment you start to believe that nothing can possibly go wrong is often the moment when you are in most danger.

W Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

The more you want something to happen today the more likely it is you will overreach yourself and make a serious mistake.

__ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

You will be on the move in some fashion today. Where you go and what you do is entirely up to you but, for best results, try to make it some place that inspires you men-, emotionally and spiritually too.

M Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

You will be in a dreamy mood today but you need to be serious too. especially about money issues which involve other people

⁷ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec.

21. Partners and colleagues will grant any favor you ask of them av - so ask awav!

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan

20. Resist the urge to rush things, especially on the work front where you won't do your reputation much good if you do too much too quickly and make silly mistakes.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb

18. Jupiter, planet of good fortune, moves in your favour today but that does not mean you can do as you

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

Be wary of people who try to baffle you by introducing facts and figures that have no relevance to what you are working on.

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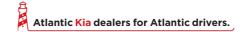
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